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- ☒ Copies of reference numbers 5-10 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.
- ☒ Copies of reference numbers 1-4 on the attached Form PTO 1449 are not required to be submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(ii).
- ☒ The relevance of those listed references which are not in the English language is as follows:

The relevance of reference numbers 8 and 9 to the present applications is that they were cited in the International Search Report from a corresponding PCT application, a copy of which Search Report is enclosed herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of references 5 and 7 is provided in the application as follows:

Reference 5 is described at page 1, line 31; and

Reference 7 is described at page 3, line 9.

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